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MEMOIRS OF Queen Mary's days.

Wherein the CHURCH of *ENGLAND*, and all the Inhabitants may plainly see (if God hath not suffered them to be infatuated) as in a Glass, the sad Effects which follow a POPISH SUCCESSOR enjoying the CROWN of *ENGLAND*.

Humbly tendred to the Consideration of, &c.

THE first remarkable passage in Queen *Mary's* (Popish) Reign, was Her wicked Dissimulation with the Men of *Suffolk*, to get Herself into the Throne, and Breach of Her Faith and Word, after She had obtained it, thus:

As soon as She heard of her Brother King *Edward's* death, and that He had by his Will, with the consent of his Council, Excluded Her, and Nominated the Lady *Jane* to succeed (the said Queen *Mary* having been before Bastardized by her Father King *Henry* VIII.) She, under pretence of fearing Infection, Rid 40 Miles in one day, and removed from *Norfolk* to her Castle of *Framingham* in *Suffolk*, where taking upon Her the name of Queen, pretended to all the Nobility and Gentry of those Countries, *That if they would give Her their Assistance, She would make no Alteration in Religion*; Thereupon came to Her the Earls of *Oxford*, *Bath*, and *Sussex*, Lord *Wentworth*, *John Mordent* and *Thomas Wharton* Barons, eldest Sons, and several Knights, and many others of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, with whom She Conditioned and Agreed, *That She would not attempt in any wise the least Alteration of Religion established by her Brother King* Edward *VI.* She, by this trick, being thus assisted, wrote her Letter to the Lords of the Council, wherein She claimed the Crown, and required them to proclaim Her Queen of *England* in the City of *London*, which in a short time was done.

As soon as She got into the Throne, her fair Promises proved false Deceits, for She immediately (the very next day) broke her Word with them, and in a short time those of the Diocess in *Suffolk* whom She thus wheedled to assist Her, tasted the sharpest Persecution under Her Reign; for She was so far from keeping Her Promises and Conditions made either with them, or any others in matters of Religion, that She acted quite contrary, as appears by the Sequel of Her sad and bloody Reign.

1. It was in the 3d of *August*, *Anno* 1553. that Queen *Mary* rode through *London* to the Tower, and the very next day She set up *Stephen Gardiner*, the bloody Persecutor of the Protestants, in the Bishoprick of *Winchester*, and a few days after made him High Chancellor of *England*; this was that cruel Man that the Duke of *Norfolk* came to dine with, who would not go to Dinner till Four of the clock in the afternoon, because he would first have the news of Bishop *Ridleys* and *Latimers* being Burnt; of whose death, by Gods heavy Judgment on him, you may read further in our Chronologies.

2. The 5th of *August*, (two days after Her coming to *London*) She turns out the Protestant Bishops of *London* and *Durham*, and re-established Bonner (that blood-thirsty Miscreant) Bishop of *London*, and *Tunstall* Bishop of *Durham*. You see her first Act was to displace Bishops of the Church of *England*, and put bloody Popish Persecutors in their room, who worried and destroyed the poor Protestants.

3. The 15th of *September* after, Mr. *Latimer*, and Dr. *Cranmer* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, with others, were Arraigned and Condemned.

4. Presently after Her Coronation, which was the First of *October*, She pretended to shew Mercy by a General Pardon, which (says my Author) was so interlaced with Exceptions of Matters and Persons, that very few received benefit thereby; so even that, with all the rest, was a meer Cheat.

5. It was not only the Proteſtant Clergy that She dealt thus withall, but even with the Judges too; for Sir *James Hales*, one of the Juſtices of the *Common Pleas*, who had been Her Friend, and ſtood for Her Succeſſion, yet he for giving Charge at a Quarter Seſſions in *Kent*, upon the Statutes of *Henry* VIII. and *Edw.* VI. in derogation of the Primary of *Rome*, he was firſt Committed to the *Kings-Bench*, then to the *Counter*, then to the *Fleet*, where he grew ſo troubled in mind, that he attempted with a Penknife to kill himſelf, and at laſt did drown himſelf.

6. In this Her firſt Year, She alſo cauſed a Synod to be aſſembled about matters of Religion, who reſtored the *Romiſh* Religion, and the Maſs commanded to be celebrated after the *Romiſh* manner.

7. The 4th of *February*, in the ſaid Year, *John Rodgers*, the firſt Martyr of theſe times, was burnt at *London*.

8. *February* the 9th, *John Hooper*, late Biſhop of *Worceſter*, was Burnt at *Glouceſter*.

9. *Robert Ferrer*, Biſhop of *Mar*, was Burnt at *Caermarthen*; after him *John Bradford*, with many others, was Burnt.

10. *October* the 16th, 1554. thoſe two famous Men, *Ridley* late Biſhop of *London*, and *Latimer* late Biſhop of *Worceſter* (no leſs famous for their conſtant Deaths, than their Religious Lives) were moſt inhumanely and barbarouſly Burnt at *Oxford*, after they had firſt been conveyed from the Tower thither, upon pretence to diſpute with the *Romaniſts* about the Real Preſence in the Sacrament.

11. The next worthy thing that this **Popiſh Succeſſor** did, was, to ſet up the *Popes Supremacy* amongſt us; For as ſoon as She was married to King *Philip*, She ſent to *Rome* for Cardinal *Poole* to come into *England*, who came inveſted with great Authority as the Popes Legat *a Latere*, who made a ſolemn Speech to the Parliament, exhorting them to return to the Boſom of the Church, for which End he was come to reconcile them to the Church of *Rome*; and for their firſt work of Reconcilement, he required them to Repeal and Abrogate all ſuch Laws as had been formerly made in derogation of the Catholick Religion.

Upon which Speech, the Parliament begged pardon for their former Errors, and told the Queen, They were moſt ready to abrogate all Laws prejudicial to the See of *Rome*. And thereupon the Cardinal gives them Abſolution in theſe words:

[*We by the Apoſtolical Authority given unto Us by the Moſt Holy Lord Pope* Julius *III.* (*Chriſt's Vicegerent on Earth*) *do Abſolve and Deliver you, and every of you, with the whole Realm and the Dominions thereof, from all Hereſie and Schiſm, and from all Judgments, Cenſures and Pains in that Caſe incurred; and alſo We do reſtore you again to the Unity of Our Mother, The Holy Church.*]

The Report hereof coming to *Rome*, was cauſe of a Solemn Proceſſion made for joy of the Converſion of *England* to the Church of *Rome*. And thus was all the Kingdom of *England* turn'd Papiſts in one day, by having a **Popiſh Succeſſor**.

12. *March* 1555. the Queen called to Her Four of Her Privy Council, and ſignified unto them, *That it went againſt Her Conſcience to hold the Lands and Poſſeſſions as well of Monaſteries and Abbies, as of other Churches; and therefore did freely relinquiſh them, and leave them to be diſpoſed as the Pope and the ſaid Cardinal ſhould think fit.* And ſhortly after in performance hereof, *John Fecknam*, late Dean of *Pauls*, was made Abbot of *Weſtminſter*, and the Lands belonging to it.

13. Before this, *Stephen Gardner*, the Queens great Creature, uſes malicious practiſes againſt the Lady *Elizabeth*, the Queens onely Siſter, and next Heir to the Crown, and endeavoured very much to take away Her Life, She being a Proteſtant; he laid all the Snares for Her that he could invent, and at laſt, by his procurement, the Lady was kept in hard durance, and a Warrant at laſt was framed under certain Councellors hands to put Her to death; and had been done, but that Mr. *Bridges*, Lieutenant of the Tower, pitying Her caſe, went to the Queen about it, who denied that She knew any thing of it, by which means Her Life was preſerved, this bloody Perſecutor *Gardner* ſaying at the Council-Board, *My Lords, we have but all this while been ſtripping off the Leaves, and now and then lopped a Branch; but till ſuch time as we ſtrike at the Root of Hereſie,* (meaning the Lady *Elizabeth*) *nothing can be effected to purpoſe.*

14. All Beneficed Men of the Clergy that were married, or would not forſake the Proteſtant Religion the firſt Year of Her Reign, were put out of their Livings, and *Romaniſts* put in their room.

15. On the 27th of *Auguſt*, in the ſame Year, the Service begun to be ſung in *Latine* in *Pauls* Church.

16. The ſame Year the **Popes** Authority was reſtored in *England*, and the Maſs was commanded in all Churches to be uſed.

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17. In Her 4th Year Monasteries were begun to be Re-edified and Restored, and had She but Reigned long enough, undoubtedly She would have had all the Abby Lands in *England* restored, had not Death put a period to all.

18. Neither was Her persecution less to the common People, and plain-hearted Country-Men, than to the Protestant Clergy; For observe and consider, that within the compass of less than four Years, there suffered Death for the Testimony of their Consciences in the Protestant Religion 277 Persons, without any regard either of Degree, Age or Sex; in the heat of whose flames was consumed Five Bishops, Twenty one Divines, Eight Gentlemen, and Eighty four Artificers, One hundred Husbandmen, Servants and Labourers, Twenty six Wives, Twenty Widows, Nine Virgins, Two Boys, and Two Infants, and nigh as many dyed in Prison, through hunger, and other cruelties.

O H the bloody Cruelty of the **Papists**, through their Popish Religion! Shall I call it Religion, which is more properly a Butchery? And thus you see the effects of a **Popish Successor**.

This is no Romance, it was *de facto*, and would you have it so again? Or will you put it in the same hazard once more? No sure, unless you are infatuated; let *Experience* teach us which is the best Mistriss; let the burnt Child dread the Fire. Oh never forget the Burnings, the Scorchings, the Tortures and the Flames that were in Queen *Maries* Reign! We beg and beseech you all in your places, use all the Care imaginable now in time to secure us, our Wives and Children, and the Protestant Religion, from the like again.

19. Though many Persecutions lasted longer, yet 'tis observable by Dr. *Heyling*, that none since *Diocletian*'s time raged so terribly, *Eccles. Restaur.* but God being merciful to the poor Land and persecuted Church. Of all since the Conquest, Her Reign was the shortest, onely excepting that of *Richard* the Tyrant, yet much more bloody than was his.

[*She Reigned five Years and four Months, wanting two Days.*]

20. She lieth Buried in *Westminster*, without any Monument or Remembrance at all; as in her Life She deserved none, so in Her Death Her Memory is rotten; a just Reward for Her who was so cruel and bloody: yet one hath given Her this Inscription to remain to Posterity, *viz.*

Whose Name was polluted with the Blood of so many Martyrs.
Unfortunate by so many Insurrections.
Mad: inglorious by the loss of Calice (the Key of France) in eight days, which had been 211 years in the possession of the English.

Some COROLLARIES.

IN this History we may observe seriously these Things as the sad and fatal Consequence.

I. How **Popish Successors** will at first blind us with Wheedles, till they have got the Power and Kingdom in possession; and will tell us, *That not one tittle of our Religion shall be changed, or altered*; nay, and make Compacts, Agreements and Conditions to that purpose.

II. But when once set in the Throne, let what Promises will be, they shall be so far from being performed, that quite the contrary shall be acted, or else Thunder and Lightning will come from the **Pope**, till he hath done it by his Legats *a latere*.

III. That when a **Popish Successor** came to the Crown, the **Popes Supremacy** was immediately set up in *England*, even the very first year, and we all made tributary to *Rome*, and Slaves to the *Pope*, and would you have it so again?

IV. The Popish Religion and the Mass set up immediately all over *England*, and would you have it so again?

V. The Protestant Bishops put out, and Popish ones put in; and all the Clergy that were married, or would not abjure the Protestant Religion, were turned out; therefore you of the Clergy that mean to be sincere, and not turn Papists, it behoves you well to consider of it.

VI. And not only so, but truly further, they must be brought to the Stake with their Wives and Children, and Burnt for Hereticks; For **Popery** is a mercileſs persuasion, and if they make never so many Promises otherwise, yet you know it's their Opinion, **That no Faith is to be kept with Hereticks**; so we can never be secure, if ever such Reign.

VII. Observe further, That if a **Popish Successor** comes to the Crown, there will be all the Endeavors used to take off all the next Heirs that are Protestants, as there was to destroy the Lady *Elizabeth*, which ought to be of no small consideration with us.

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VIII. Obſerve, Popiſh Monks and Friars were brought into *England*, and great Endeavors uſed to reſtore all *Monaſteries* and *Abby-Lands*, wherein no doubt but She and good Cardinal had prevailed, and they had been all reſtored, had She Reigned but a little longer; therefore it doth not a little behove all you Gentlemen that have any *Priories*, *Abbies*, or *Monaſtery-Lands* to loſe, to conſider well how you put your ſelves or your Poſterity in any ſuch great hazard to loſe your Eſtates; as for thoſe that have ſuch Lands, of the *Romiſh* Religion, muſt not out of Conſcience detain them, if they will have any Abſolution from their Ghoſtly Father; and as to thoſe Proteſtants that have ſuch Lands, they will be reckoned *Hereticks*, and to be ſure ſhall not be ſuffered to keep Church-lands from them. And this highly concerns all to conſider how with our Religion we give up our Liberties and Eſtates, by admitting a Popiſh Succeſſor; which God of his infinite mercy to *England*, and in oppoſition to ſuch Blood-thirſty, Heaven-daring, King-killing Principles and Practiſes, be pleaſed to deliver us.

POSTSCRIPT.

NOW as you have plainly ſeen the great and manifold Inconveniences, eminent Dangers, and moſt certain Ruine, to follow the admitting of a Popiſh Succeſſor *in the ſad Effects of Queen* Mary's *Reign; ſo we may alſo conſider and behold (as the bright ſide of the Cloud) the vaſt advantages of Peace, Plenty, Glory and Happineſs that accrued to this Kingdom by a* Proteſtant Succeſſor's *enjoying the Imperial Crown, in the long and proſperous Reign of that magnanimous, thorough-hearted Proteſtant Queen* Elizabeth *of bleſſed memory, who (after having ſuffered five Years fiery Tryals) Reigned above Forty four Years, maugre all Her deſperate and bloody Enemies; yet could they not anticipate Her Death, nor ſtain Her Glorious Government, by all the black and helliſh Contrivances of Her, and our treacherous* Popiſh *Adverſaries.*

Many, I may ſay infinite, were the Advantages and Felicities that theſe poor Kingdoms enjoyed by Her happy Reign; I will only hint a few general Heads now.

First then, *By this* Proteſtant Queen, *a period was put to all the Bloody and* Popiſh *Perſecution againſt the* Church of England, *which all the poor Proteſtants had groaned under, all the* Reign of Popiſh Queen Mary.

Secondly, *By this true Proteſtant Princes, and the Proteſtant Religion, were eſtabliſh'd in this Nation, and Idolatrous Popery caſheer'd.*

Thirdly, *By Her were our Anceſtors Lives protected, the Church of* England *defended, our Eſtates preſerved, and our Liberties ſecured.*

Fourthly, *By Her Reign did the Kingdom enjoy Tranquility, and flouriſhed wonderfully, to the great benefit of all our Foreſathers.*

Fifthly, *And by Her Reign, this Nation became both* Glorious *and* Formidable *as well to Her and its Enemies* Abroad, *as at* Home, *and kept the Balance of all* Europe *in Her Hands, by Her winning the love of Her People, and Her continual adhering to the Advice of Her* Parliaments, *by which as She had their* Hearts, *ſo She had their* Purſes *at Command, though She was always ſo kind and juſt to them, as ſometimes to refuſe their Grants of Subſidies, and would never make uſe of their Aids in money, (though offered by Her Parliament) but when there was real occaſion for Her Peoples* Good *and* Safety.

The Concluſion of all, is the ſame that Moſes *ſaid to the Children of* Iſrael, *Deut.* 30. 15, and 19 *verſes,* Behold I have ſet before ye this day life and death, good and evil. I call heaven and earth to record this day againſt you, that I have ſet before you life and death, bleſſing and curſing: therefore chuſe life, that both thou and thy houſe may live.

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